

Regular Meeting

August 3, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Souderton Borough Council was called to order by President John U. Young at 7:30 p.m. Members of Borough Council present at the meeting included the following:

President John U. Young	Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, Jr.
Councillor Ned D. Leight	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor D. Jeffrey Gross	Junior Councillor Daniel Yocum
Councillor Brian Goshow	Solicitor Robert G. Bricker
Councillor Katherine Grubb	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Jonathan Gardenier	Public Works Director Steven R. Coll
Councillor Richard Halbom	Chief Charles A. Quinn, Sr.

Absent from the meeting was Councillor Andrew C. Schlosser.

The Invocation was given by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the July 6, 2009, Regular Borough Council Meeting and the July Work Session. Councillor Jonathan Gardenier commented that the stationary referenced in the minutes was sent out under his name, personal address, personal telephone number and personal e-mail address; therefore he views this as his personal stationary. A motion was then made by Councillor Richard Halbom, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to approve the minutes of July 1, 2009 Borough Council Meeting and the July Work Sessions. The motion was approved.

There was no correspondence.

President John Young noted that he received a letter from the State Auditor General that their department recently completed an audit of the Souderton Borough Police and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. The report documents compliance with all pension regulations and requirements, with no irregularities or concerns.

Mayor John Reynolds noted that the Souderton police Department will be hosting National Night Out in the Souderton Community Park on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Police Chief Charles Quinn added that the purpose of the event is to promote safety and neighborhood unity. The event will run from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with finger print displays and displays from the Montgomery County Bomb Squad, Montgomery Township Canine Unit, North Penn Area Tactical Unit, Souderton and Telford Fire Companies and the North Penn Goodwill Service.

The Borough Solicitor's report for the month of July was distributed to Borough Council. The Agreement of Sale for the Scholl property at 160 Cherry Lane in Franconia Township has been executed by all parties. The Phase 1 Environmental report is in progress and the Title search is complete. The Borough Solicitor prepared the High School redevelopment Overlay Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance revisions for consideration of Borough Council at their September meeting. They had several telephone calls and items of correspondence regarding the Sewer Service Agreement with Hilltown Township. The filed a sewer lien against the Creedon property, 22 Penn Avenue.

Councillor Jonathan Gardenier noted that a couple of residents in the 400 block of Noble Street requested repairs and patching of the road surface. Public Works Director Steve Coll noted that they will run a skin patch in this area. Public Works Director Steven Coll also reported on the status of the sewer main replacement project on N Fifth Street.

Borough Manager Michael Coll summarized the items scheduled for consideration. The first item is consideration of a formal sewer service agreement with Hilltown Township which reflects the small area of the township that is currently served by Souderton Borough along with a possible expansion of service along Cherry Lane between County Line Road and the Old Bethlehem Pike. Formal appointments to the Souderton-Telford Revitalization Planning Committee and the re-appointment of Thomas Rosenberger to the Souderton Planning Commission and Ken Hochstetler to the Souderton Industrial Development Authority will be formally considered. Consideration of a standard Fraud Prevention Policy has been

recommended by the Borough Auditor. The last item of consideration is the posting of handicapped parking spaces in from of 228 E Summit Street and across from 64 Hillside Avenue.

Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that formal consideration of the High School Overlay Zoning Ordinance will be delayed until Tuesday, September 8, 2009 due to the requirement of the Municipalities Planning Code to notify all affected property owners in writing at least thirty days prior to formal consideration. This notification requirement could not be met for the August meeting.

Councillor Jonathan Gardenier noted that an email from the Montgomery County Planning Commission indicates that the requested financing to purchase the South Front Baseball Fields under the County Open Space Program has been recommended in full to the Montgomery County Commissioners.

Councillor Jeffrey Gross reported on the status of the Community Pool Renovation project. The committee will be meeting on Wednesday, August 12th with Wayne Wade, Betty Linko of the Indian Valley YMCA and the Borough Engineers. The committee will begin to define the overall objectives of the project. Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that the Souderton Community Pool will not open in the summer of 2010 in order to accommodate the expected construction work. The public will have to secure an alternative facility for next summer. Providing that Borough Council approves the plans and associated construction financing, the newly renovated pool facility is expected to reopen over the Memorial Day weekend in 2011. In order to meet this schedule, Borough Council will have to complete a majority of the planning work this fall.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of July, 2009.

GENERAL FUND

Mellor Auto Electric LLC	\$140.00	Accent Control System	\$290.00
Adcock	7.30	Carl B. Stuart	1,500.00
Charles A. Quinn, Sr.	222.20	Cope's Garage, Inc.	322.04
Dr. Larry J. Geller	769.00	Fastener Supplies, LLC	54.82
Good, Inc.	313.76	Hach Company	151.67
Jaeger Electric Services, Inc.	1,109.97	Landis Block & Concrete	181.05
Marc F. Lipkin, D.M.D., P.C.	135.00	Montgomery County Land Trust	250.00
Nyco Corporation	22.45	Old Dominion Brush	232.74
Steven R. Coll	65.00	Trumbauers Lawn & Rec, Inc.	172.92
Weldon Auto Parts	13.78	Cope's Garage, Inc.	393.01
Hajoca Corporation	401.45	MetLife	217.63
Montgomery Newspaper	434.32	Moyer & Son, Inc.	7,580.64
Nextel Communications	212.19	Old Dominion Brush	1,439.80
Petty Cash Fund	110.87	Postmaster, Telford/Souderton	247.00
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	51.26	Univar USA Inc.	1,265.65
Word Work, Inc.	282.00	Bearings & Drives Unlimited	2,876.66
Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	709.50	Clemens Uniform Rental	90.75
Comcast Cable	42.95	Cope's Garage, Inc.	842.59
Dr. Larry J. Geller	27.00	Ecynbro Trucking	220.00
Hajoca Corporation	222.47	MetLife	1,675.84
Montgomery Newspaper	227.69	North Penn Water Authority	216.22
PECO Energy	61.17	Styer Associates	3,670.00
The Home Depot	33.56	Univar USA Inc.	10,042.70
Weldon Auto Parts	14.64	Boro of Souderton Capital Reserve	24,822.99
Kitson Bros., Inc.	816.75	Sureflow Technologies, LLC	551.50
AT&T	32.83	HISI	4,089.00
PA Municipal Retirement System	50.92	Uninvest Visa	125.00
Uninvest Visa	25.59	Uninvest Visa	233.00
Verizon	207.34	Association of Mayors of PA	55.00
Bergey's, Inc.	17.25	Clemens Uniform Rental	154.785
Daniel L. Beardsley LTD	141.80	Farm & Home Oil Company	601.24
Frederick Flowers	57.95	Independence Blue Cross	14,145.21
Keystone Health Plan East	5,777.22	Marc F. Lipkin, D.M.D., P.C.	162.00

Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	151.60	MetLife	217.63
MetLife	1,675.84	Michael C. Boraski, D.M.D.	165.00
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	631.47	North American Benefits Company	945.13
PA Municipal Retirement System	727.87	PA Municipal Retirement System	2,993.29
Pennsylvania One Call System	54.60	Plasterer Equipment Co., Inc.	54.60
Potty Queen	293.00	PPL Electric Utilities	8,862.51
Rodney Ellinger	1,025.50	Steven R. Coll	110.00
Trumbauers Lawn & Rec, Inc.	24.07	Unum Insurance Company	827.34
Weaver and Reckner Dental	415.50	William Powis	102.94
Bishop Wood Products, Inc.	669.62	Boucher and James, Inc.	473.75
Comcast Cable	60.37	Cope's Garage, Inc.	454.23
Davidheiser's, Inc.	71.00	Dischell Bartle Yanoff & Dooley PC	578.50
Federal Express Corporation	20.35	Federal Express Corporation	20.35
Freedom System Corporation	126.85	Fromm Electric Supply Corp	7.96
Grand Turk Equipment Co., Inc.	214.36	Highway Materials	529.62
Jaeger Electric Service, Inc.	723.30	Lansdale Police Department	300.00
Lawson Products, Inc.	138.76	Letterco	20.00
Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	47.89	Moyer & Son, Inc.	1,542.80
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	329.87	Nextel Communications	173.51
Old Dominion Brush	229.98	PA Bureau of Correctional	979.23
PPL Electric Utilities	2,219.75	QC Inc.	335.50
Quartermaster	52.97	Richter/Drafting, Inc.	37.47
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	260.44	Univar USA Inc.	981.60
Ven-Mar Sales, Inc.	389.74	Verizon Wireless	43.01
Witmer Public Safety Group	963.85	Word Work, Inc.	1,380.00
		Total General Fund	\$125,298.18

SEWER FUND

Alderfer Glass Co.	\$22.45	Cintas First Aid & Safety	\$22.75
Clemens Uniform Rental	160.48	Daniel L. Beardsley LTD	68.70
Environmental Resource Associates	1,571.30	Fretz Enterprises	125.00
Hach Company	956.14	J.P. Mascaro & Sons	3,855.81
Maryland Biochemical Co., Inc.	720.04	MetLife	82.21
PPL Electric Utilities	17,461.54	Reuter & Hanney, Inc.	4,440.00
State World Headquarters	569.82	Suburban Water Testing Labs	138.00
Young's	17.20	Alderfer Glass Company	41.90
Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	54.21	MetLife	82.21
Moyer & Son, Inc.	193.30	Carquest	13.73
Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	95.29	Comcast Cable	42.95
Daniel L. Beardsley LTD	21.35	J.P. Mascaro & Sons	5,001.76
Lawson Products, Inc.	166.80	Maintenance Engineering LTD	603.33
North Penn Water Authority	377.18	PPL Electric Utilities	415.22
Precision Solutions, Inc.	217.90	Suburban Water Testing Labs	62.00
The PA State University	390.00	Univar USA Inc.	1,028.00
HISI	1,082.00	Verizon	59.34
Independence Blue Cross	207.65	Independence Blue Cross	113.10
Independence Blue Cross	3,838.17	J.P. Mascaro & Sons	6,418.44
Keystone Health Plan East	2,235.00	MetLife	82.21
NetCarrier, Telecom, Inc.	296.40	North American Benefits	307.60
Pyrz Water Supply Co., Inc.	213.00	Siemens Water Technologies	2,229.05
United laboratories	1,018.47	Unum Insurance Company	246.75
Bergey's Electric, Inc.	77.21	Carquest	12.93
Cintas First Aid & Safety	23.15	Clemens Uniform Rental	203.21
Fromm Electric Supply Corp	145.90	Graphic Controls LLC	431.01
Jaeger Electric Service, Inc.	984.76	L/B Water Service, Inc.	1,380.00
Maryland Biochemical Co., Inc.	1,704.50	Moyer & Son, Inc.	42.00
Nyco Corporation	21.00	Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	21.10
Suburban Water Testing Labs	85.00	Waste Mgmt of Indian Valley	3,993.76

Total Sewer Fund \$66,491.28

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Boucher and James, Inc.	\$8,672.46	Ettore Ventresca & Son, Inc.	4,130.00
Ettore Ventresca & Sons, Inc.	3,499.70	Glasgow, Inc.	70.00
Landscape Designs, Inc.	14,428.80	Swartz & Company	50,000.00
Total Capital Reserve Fund			\$80,800.96

LIQUID FUELS FUND

Letterco	\$55.00	PPL Electric Utilities	\$227.84
Fromm Electric Supply Corp	34.80	PPL Electric Utilities	117.82
PPL Electric Utilities	298.56		
Total Liquid Fuels Fund			\$734.02

A motion was made by Councillor Ned D. Leight, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to pay the bills for the month of June, 2009, as presented. The motion was approved.

President John U. Young opened the floor for public comment. There was no formal public comment, but Scout Kevin Hay of the Boy Scout Troop 401 was recognized by President Young, who reported that he and other Scout members are attending this meeting to fulfill their Merit badge requirements for Citizenship.

Under the business portion of the agenda, a motion was made by Councillor Brian Goshow, and seconded by Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, Jr., to approve and execute a Sanitary Sewer Service Area Agreement with Hilltown Township. Motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Ned D. Leight, and seconded by Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, Jr., to appoint the following individuals to serve as Souderton Borough representatives on the joint Souderton-Telford Revitalization Planning Committee: Richard Halbom, Jeffrey Gross, William Maxwell, Gwen Cukierski, Ray Hopkins, Charles Crown and Vicky Landis. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, to appoint Thomas Rosenberger, 244 Madison Avenue, Souderton to serve another five year term as a member of the Souderton Planning Commission through July 2, 2014. Motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Halbom, and seconded by Councillor Brian Goshow, to appoint Kenneth Hochstetler, 318 Highland Avenue, Souderton to serve another five year term as a member of the Souderton Industrial Development Authority through August 4, 2014. Motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, and seconded by Councillor Katherine Grubb, to approve and adopt a Fraud Prevention Policy. Motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to authorize the posting of a handicapped parking space at 228 East Summit Street for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order. Motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, and seconded by Councillor Katherine Grubb, to authorize the posting of a handicapped parking space across from 64 Hillside Avenue for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order. Motion was approved.

Councillor Jonathan Gardenier questioned the status of revitalization activities given the State budget impasse. Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that the Borough is relying on the Montgomery County Revitalization programs for most of our financing. The County remains very active in supporting revitalization activities, even in this difficult economy.

President John Young requested an update on the Main Street Plaza project. Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that the Borough Engineer condemned a section of retaining wall which the

contractor has since removed and is now working on installing the remaining sections of retaining wall. Delivery of the sculpture has been delayed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary

WORK SESSION MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Work Session – August 10, 2009 (7:00pm-8:30pm)

Council Attendees: John Reynolds, Jeffrey Gross, Brian Goshow, Katherine Grubb, Jonathan Gardenier and Richard Halbom. Junior Councillor Daniel Yocum.

Staff Attendees: Borough Manager Michael Coll.

CLASSIC TOWNS PROGRAM

Pam Coleman, Souderton-Telford Main Street Manager, reported to members of Borough Council that Souderton Borough has been nominated to participate in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia initiative. This program is a marketing program that aims to promote developed municipalities as a great place to live, work and play. Souderton will have a profile page on a regional campaign website along with brochures and other promotional material. Telford Borough will also be participating and will share in the \$2,500 annual contribution expense for each of the two program years. This expense will be paid from the Dues, Subscriptions and Membership line item in the General Fund. Souderton and Telford will be joining a number of unique communities within suburban Philadelphia. A Resolution accepting this nomination and the program requirements will be recommended for approval at the September 8th Borough Council Meeting.

“ONE LIFE ONE CHANCE” EVENT, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

Kim Sheridan addressed Borough Council about a special event planned to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 in the Souderton Community Park. The event is titled “One Life One Chance” formed by a group of 4 local couples in the Souderton, Telford and Harleysville area to raise awareness of the growing number of children abusing prescription and over the counter medications. Statistics show an alarming growth of incidents. In the past nine months six young adults in the Souderton-Harleysville area have died from abuse of prescription medications. The event planned for September 19th is aimed at raising community awareness of this growing crisis. Local churches and non-profit organizations will be providing information on how families can access help. The event includes a walk with refreshments and information booths in the Community Park. Three speakers have been arranged to make presentations from the Band Shell. Assistance may be needed during the walk with traffic control.

1. Sanitation Committee

- a) The July, 2009 Discharge Monitoring Report will be filed with no exceptions to permit limitations. The plant continues to produce clean, quality effluent.
- b) Chief Operator Sal DeSimone reported repairs to the belt filter press have been completed to address belt failures and improve overall efficiency of the unit. The press is producing a fairly dry cake approaching close to 20%. He is recommending that we continue to use the press in lieu of purchasing a new sludge dryer. Waste Management started hauling and disposing the dewatered sludge and grit from the Waste Water Treatment Plant. One of their drivers hit the garage door to the mechanical building, which had happened in the past. Repairs to the door will be handled between the insurance carriers.

- c) Borough forces have completed the replacement of the 10 inch sewer main along N Fifth Street. Crews reported that this segment of sewer main may be the worst infiltrated line that we have replaced in the Borough. Recent rain events during construction resulted in dramatic rises in flow in less than 30 minutes. The old line also had a number of in line wyes that were not used for lateral connections because grades did not align with the houses. This made it difficult to locate actual live connections to the main, many of which were tapped downgrade from the actual houses. Two laterals were initially missed but have since been repaired. We believe that a major source of infiltration is coming from the six inch sewer line that runs behind the rowhomes in the 500 block of East Broad Street. The sewer main runs through a partially open alley from Fifth Street along the rear property lines of the rowhomes. Access will be very difficult because of sheds, fences and other obstacles that have been placed over the line. We plan to replace the first half of the main that is fairly accessible, but will have to notify property owners to provide access to the remainder of the main. We also plan to replace a segment of sewer main that runs through an open alley behind the properties in the 400 block of East Broad Street. A portion of this line was replaced last year in conjunction with the Fourth Street project.

2. Highway Committee

- a) The Purchase Agreement between the Borough and Scholl Brothers has been executed. The Phase 1 Environmental Assessment has been completed which reports no environmental concerns with the property. Quotes for the borrowing have been obtained from Univest National Bank and Quakertown National Bank. We are recommending that we place the loan with Univest. Settlement is still on target for November or December of this year. Scholl's are planning to auction their equipment in October.

3. Sidewalk Committee

- a) Committee members were advised that a planning session has been scheduled for August 13th with the Borough Engineer and Landscape Architect to work on the final design for the Main Street Streetscape Project between Chestnut Street and Broad Street. Councillor Brian Goshow questioned whether the committee is concerned about the blending of tree sizes as the Borough moves forward in completing the various phases of streetscape projects. Councillor Jeff Gross suggested that the Borough may want to consider using a portion of the Scholl property as a start up nursery for street trees. The Borough could purchase small caliper trees at very reasonable prices until they are needed.

4. Recreation Committee

- a) The next meeting of the Pool Renovation Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th. The meeting will be between the committee members, YMCA representatives and Wayne Wade of Wade Associates. The meeting will expand on the preliminary goals and objectives that were discussed in July.
- b) Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that the State Redevelopment Capital Grant for the Lawn Avenue project will expire in December of 2010. The final phase of the project is construction of the pavilion, landscaping and final grading and seeding. Some additional picnic tables and grills may also be included in the project depending on the final estimated budget. The pavilion will be a simple catalogue model that has been used in the neighboring Telford and Franconia parks. A sketch of the final project phase was distributed to the committee with a recommendation to proceed with bids in September. Funding for the project has been allocated in the Capital reserve Fund budget.

5. Property Committee

- a) No new items were discussed.

Administrative Work Session – August 17, 2009 (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Council Attendees: Mayor John Reynolds, John Young, Brian Goshow, Jonathan Gardenier and Richard Halbom.

Staff Attendees: Borough Manager Michael Coll.

1. Police Committee

- a) Councillor Richard Halbom reported that the Traffic Calming Committee has not formally met due to scheduling and vacation conflicts. Councillor Halbom met with Traffic Safety Officer Thomas Lawson about issues with accessing information from the speed trailer and they reviewed the data collection capabilities of the speed trailer. Committee members discussed the need to set a priority to address the technical glitches associated with retrieval of the data from the equipment. This data is vital to the efforts of the Traffic Calming Committee to properly document conditions that may warrant the installation of certain speed calming measures. Committee members discussed the fact that the trailer is rather visible to motorists which may skew the actual data. Councillor Halbom noted that there are post mounted units that are designed to merely collect data, which Council may want to consider for the next budget.
- b) A concern was raised by the owners of 39 W Chestnut Street about on street parking along Bank Street. Bank Street is very narrow and street parking significantly reduces access for emergency vehicles. The street parking also restricts access for the neighboring property owners to access their garages. Committee members will refer this matter to the Police Chief for review and recommendations.
- c) Councillor Brian Goshow raised a concern with the new traffic signal at Main Street and Reliance Road, specifically with the timing for the yellow signal for both Reliance Road approaches. He noted that there is a very short yellow signal that does not provide enough time for vehicles to clear the intersection prior to the red signal. Committee members recommended that this concern be expressed to our Borough Engineer to evaluate the need to adjust the timing sequence.

2. Administrative Committee

- a) Staff and our planning consultants reviewed the Borough's fee resolution, which dates back to 2006, with various fees of our neighboring municipalities. Consultants have also recommended a special development fee for projects situated within designated Economic Redevelopment Districts to help recover costs in the planning and establishment of these areas. A new Resolution was developed and circulated to Committee members for formal consideration at the September 8th Borough Council Meeting.
- b) Following the presentation by Main Streets Manager Pam Coleman at last week's work session, a resolution approving participation in the Classic Towns program will be formally considered at the September 8th Borough Council meeting.
- c) An allocation of \$10,000 was set aside in the General Fund Budget to replace the copier in the administrative office. Proposals for a new copier have been received from Altek, Cannon and Ricoh. Our current machine copies at the rate of 40 pages per minute, black and white only. The proposals were narrowed down to a machine with copy speeds between 32 and 34 pages per minute. The machines all have capabilities of color printing, network interfacing, scanning and faxing. Canon and Ricoh have provided the most competitive quotations. Evaluating the proposals on initial purchase price and annual maintenance costs, the Ricoh MPC3300 is slightly higher in purchase price, but has a better maintenance cost proposal. Over the projected life of the machine, the Ricoh unit appears to be the best option. The complete purchase price is \$7,599.00. Committee members endorsed the purchase of the Ricoh MPC3300 copier.
- d) Borough Manager Michael Coll distributed a draft copy of the fall newsletter of the Borough which will feature a story on the proposed new C-2 Commercial Limited District, a story on the Classic Towns program, an update on the Souderton Economic Redevelopment Area plan, an update on the Community Pool renovation project and the leaf collection schedule. The newsletter will be printed and distributed in September.

3. Development Committee

- a) Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker completed both the High School Redevelopment Overlay Zoning District ordinance and the revised SALDO ordinance to include the design standards for the High School Redevelopment project. Written notices have been sent to approximately 160 surrounding property owners along with Telford Borough, Hilltown Township and the Souderton School District. The ordinances have been advertised for formal consideration at the September 8th Borough Council Meeting. The surrounding property was also posted as required by the Municipalities Planning Code.
- b) A current draft of the revised C-2 Limited Commercial Zoning District was distributed to Borough Council members. The Souderton Planning Commission has been working with our MCPC community planner, Hannah Mazzaccaro on this project. The C-2 District has been revised to allow for smaller boutique stores, café's and mixed use developments. Design standards have been incorporated to maintain the historical character of the neighborhoods and to better blend new developments with existing properties and uses. This will be the next focus now that the High School zoning is nearly complete.
- c) The Souderton Planning Commission, Borough Engineer and the Montgomery County Planning Commission reviewed and endorsed a minor two lot subdivision for developer William Benner, concerning property in the 200 block of Fairview Avenue. The developer proposes to construct a new twin dwelling on a vacant parcel on the south side of Fairview Avenue. A copy of the plan is enclosed and a motion to approve the plan will be prepared for formal consideration at the September 8th Borough Council meeting.
- d) Committee members were apprised of various difficulties encountered with contractor Landscape Designs, Incorporated in regard to construction of the Main Street Plaza project. A section of the retaining wall was condemned and ordered replaced. Another area of wall where the forms blew apart will be repaired. During demolition of the temporary stairs, it was discovered that the elevation of the surrounding sidewalk will have to be adjusted in various segments to meet ADA requirements and blend with the threshold of the neighboring Village Center properties office complex. The elevation adjustments added an additional riser in the front steps. The Borough is continually concerned with the concrete finish work and will have to increase construction observation throughout this phase of construction. Delivery of the sculpture has been delayed until October 12th.
- e) The Streetscape Planning Committee met on August 13th and a copy of their most current conceptual plan was distributed to Borough Council members. The most current conceptual sketch shows the potential additional of street parking along both the east and west sides of the street. The parking on the east side will require the Borough to obtain additional right of way from the property owners. Borough Council members continue to express concern about the proposed street parking on the west side of Main Street and the effect that it may have on the right turn lane at Main and Broad Streets. Concern was also expressed about the relative tight radii which should be larger or mountable for truck traffic.

4. Finance Committee

- a) A recommendation was made to proceed with the \$1,000,000 general obligation loan through Univest National Bank to finance the purchase of the Scholl property at 160 Cherry Lane in Franconia Township. A motion authorizing the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise the necessary ordinance and loan approval documents will be placed on the September 8th Borough Council agenda for formal consideration.
- b) Trollinger Consulting Group and Univest National Bank representatives made a presentation to police and non-uniformed employees and retirees about moving the Boroughs defined benefit pension plans from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System to Trollinger Consulting Group, which is now a Univest company. The presentation illustrated the potential benefits to both the active and the retired employees through enhanced benefits with the same or reduced active member contribution rates. Estimates show that Souderton Borough will benefit through reduced annual costs. Over the past few weeks the Borough has received written approvals from more than 75% of all plan participants. Two ordinances have been prepared and advertised for formal consideration at the Tuesday, September 8th meeting to formally

withdraw the Souderton Borough Police Pension Plan and the Souderton Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. We are attempting to submit all documentation to PMRS in time for their September 17th Board Meeting. We anticipate transfer of assets to begin at some point this fall with a goal to complete the transfer as close to January 1, 2010 as possible.